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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS (#OK3)

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REMARKS



1. ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers"  
2. ORCHESTRA: QUARTET: Ranger Song.  
3. ANNOUNCER: The work of United States Forest Rangers, protecting,  
4. managing and developing our National Forests for Public  
5. use is not only interesting and varied, but also extremely exacting.  
6. Entrusted with the administration of millions of acres of valuable  
7. public lands and a wealth of national resources the Rangers carry a  
8. heavy burden of responsibility. A good job of administering the  
9. forests requires not only untiring effort but devotion to the highest  
10. ideals of public service. And these are the things men of the U. S.  
11. Forest Service take pride in standing for. One thing demanded of  
12. forest rangers is ability to cope directly and independently with  
13. all sorts of problems big and small. People living in and near the  
14. National Forests as well as those who come to the forests for  
15. recreation or business have learned to depend on the rangers for advice  
16. and assistance in all kinds of trouble. And the rangers take real  
17. satisfaction in rendering whatever assistance they can -- both in  
18. their official capacity as members of the United States Forest  
19. Service and as citizens of the Communities in which they live.  
20. Well, now to Winding Creek and the Pine Cone National  
21. Forest. As we look in at the Ranger Station today we find Ranger  
22. Jim Robbins at the desk in his office checking some timber sale figures  
23. Jerry Quick, who has been helping him has just stepped outside for  
24. another chunk of wood to keep the fire going in the big fireplace.  
25. Here's Jim at work in the office now.



1. JIM: (TO HIMSELF) Twelve, seventeen, twenty-six, ---  
2. Umm. Dawgonit. Off again.  
3. SOUND OF STOMPING ON PORCH OF MIKE.  
4. JERRY: (SHOUTING OFF MIKE) Hey Jim. Open the door.  
5. SOUND OF CHAIR SCUFFING ON FLOOR.  
6. JIM: Okay Jerry. Just a minute.  
7. SOUND OF DOOR BEING THROWN OPEN.  
8. JERRY: (SLIGHTLY OFF MIKE) Quick, Jim, grab hold there  
9. will you? She's about to get away from me.  
10. JIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF MIKE) Uh. There. By gosh, Jerry,  
11. that piece of wood ought to burn for a week.  
12. JERRY: (COMING ON) I'm gettin' tired of packin' in little  
13. pieces every five minutes. I figured I'd get one this  
14. time that would last awhile.  
15. JIM: Well you did all right. Push that chair out of the  
16. way, Jerry. We'll give this log a swing and toss it  
17. right in on the fire.  
18. SOUND OF CHAIR BEING PUSHED ASIDE.  
19. JERRY: There. You ready?  
20. JIM: Okay. Let's go.  
21. SOUND OF HEAVY LOG DROPPED ON FIRE IN FIREPLACE.  
22. JERRY: Ah-h boy! Thought it was going to break my back  
23. before I got it in here.  
24. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Next time maybe you won't try to carry  
25. the whole woodpile all at once....Better close the  
door, son.





1. JERRY: I'll say.

2. SOUND OF DOOR CLOSING.

3. JIM: That wind feels like it's getting pretty cold outside.  
4. Did you look at the thermometer?

5. JERRY: Yeah. I looked at the thermometer on the way out  
6. to the wood pile. It's down to four below.

7. JIM: H-m-m. Looks like we're in for another cold snap.

8. JERRY: Yeah. Anyhow, tomorrow's Saturday, and we won't  
9. have to go out on the forest over the week-end. That's  
10. a help.

11. JIM: Uh huh. But you better not count your chickens  
12. before they're hatched, son. When the weather's  
13. the worst around here things seem to come our way the  
14. fastest.

15. SOUND OF TELEPHONE RINGING

16. JERRY: That's right ... Hey, I wonder who's calling on the  
17. phone at this hour? It's almost quittin' time.

18. JIM: I'll answer it. (SOUND OF RECEIVER BEING LIFTED)

19. Hello,

20. MARY: (FILTER MIKE) (QUICKLY) Hello. Jerry?

21. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Just a minute, Mary, Jerry's right here.

22. JERRY: Who? Mary? Calling for me? Here, let me ...

23. MARY: (HASTILY THROUGH FILTER MIKE) Oh, you'll do just  
24. as well, Mr. Robbins. Don't bother Jerry.

25.



1. JIM: It's no bother, Mary. Since he found out it was you  
2. I can't keep him off the line. (CHUCKLES) Here  
3. Jerry. I wouldn't want to be accused of beatin'  
4. your time.  
5. JERRY: (TO HIM) Phooey! (TO TELEPHONE) Hello, Mary,  
6. what's up?  
7. MARY: (FILTER - HURT) Jerry, that certainly wasn't a very  
8. nice thing to say.  
9. JERRY: Huh? What do you mean? All I said was "hello".  
10. MARY: (FILTER) Now don't try to get out of it, Jerry.  
11. I heard you. When Mr. Robbins told you I was calling,  
12. you said "phooey". If you think.....  
13. JERRY: (CUTTING IN DISGUSTEDLY) Aw, you're all mixed up,  
14. Mary. I was kidding. That is, I was saying "phooey"  
15. to Jim.  
16. MARY: (FILTER) That's just the point. And you didn't  
17. want me to hear it, did you? If you think I'm  
18. calling you up and making a nuisance of myself....  
19. JERRY: (DESPERATELY) No. Listen. Good gosh, Mary.  
20. Don't be silly.  
21. MARY: (FILTER) I am not silly. I heard you ...  
22. JERRY: (QUICKLY) No you're not silly. I didn't say  
23. you were silly. All I said was I didn't say  
24. "phooey". I mean ... Aw shucks ...  
25. JIM: (CHUCKLING) Stay with it, Jerry.



1. JERRY: Look, Mary. Jim was kidding me about you calling  
2. and I said "phooey" to him because he was kidding  
3. me, see? I didn't say "phooey" because you called.  
4. MARY: (FILTER) Well, why didn't you say so?  
5. JERRY: (EXASPERATED) I did say so. That's what I tried to  
6. tell you right at the beginning.  
7. MARY: (FILTER) Oh all right, Jerry. I'm sorry. I  
8. misunderstood. But I'm all at my nerves end. I'm so  
9. upset ...  
10. JERRY: Upset? Why? What? What's wrong?  
11. MARY: (FILTER) Well, Ed Wilson's down in bed with a bad  
12. cold, and ...  
13. JERRY: Ed Wilson? You mean the janitor over at school?  
14. MARY: (FILTER) Yes. And I'm afraid the plumbing will  
15. freeze up and break over the weekend like it did  
16. once before when he was away. I'm just worried  
17. sick. It's below zero now and they say it's  
18. getting colder all the time. I just don't know what  
19. to do.  
20. JERRY: Aw, now. Don't go getting all upset over a little  
21. thing like that, Mary. Why don't you call some one  
22. on the school board ... Dick Franks down at the  
23. lumber yard, or Andy Goodman or somebody like that...  
24. and let them take care of it?  
25.



1. MARY: (FILTER) But that's just the trouble. They're  
2. all out of town. They want to some kind of a  
3. business men's meeting down in Willow Glen and  
4. won't be back until tomorrow night some time.  
5. JERRY: H-m-m. What does Ed generally do? Does he keep  
6. the fire going over the week-end?  
7. MARY: (FILTER) No. The school board won't allow that  
8. because it takes too much fuel. I think that Mr.  
9. Wilson usually does when it's real cold like this is  
10. to drain the water out of all the pipes.  
11. JERRY: Well shucks, that's simple. I can do that.  
12. MARY: (FILTER) Do you think you could? If you could Jerry  
13. I'd never be able to thank you enough. Can you do it  
14. pretty soon?  
15. JERRY: Sure. Right now if you want me to. Have you got the  
16. keys to the school house or is it open?  
17. MARY: (FILTER) The door's locked but I've got a key. I'll  
18. meet you at the schoolhouse and open the door for you.  
19. JERRY: Okay. It'll take me about ten minutes to get there.  
20. I'll start right now.  
21. MARY: (FILTER) Oh, Jerry, that's wonderful. You don't  
22. know how relieved I'll be. And Jerry, you ...  
23. you're not mad at me for what I said, are you? I  
24. didn't mean to ... to ...  
25. JERRY: Oh no, forget it. I understand.





1. MARY: (FILTER) All right, Jerry. Goodbye.  
2. JERRY: Goodbye, Mary.  
3. SOUND OF RECEIVER ON HOOK.  
4. JERRY: Whocey! She sure is on edge tonight.  
5. JIM: (CHUCKLES) You did seem to be having a little  
6. trouble, Jerry. What's bothering Mary now?  
7. JERRY: Aw, Ed Wilson's down with a cold and Mary's all  
8. steamed up for fear the plumbing at the school  
9. house is going to freeze up and bust. Wants me  
10. to come over and drain it... Say, these women  
11. have a terrible time. By gosh sometimes I get  
12. to wondering about this business of getting  
13. married to one of 'em.  
14. BESS: (CALLING, OFF STAGE) Just wait 'till I tell Mary  
15. Halloway that, Jerry Quick, and your ears will burn  
16. for sure.  
17. JERRY: Well, I'll be darned. Say, you weren't supposed to be  
18. listening to all this, Mrs. Robbins.  
19. BESS: (COMING ON -- LAUGHING) You men are just as bad as the  
20. women folks, Jerry. I ought to know, living with Jim  
21. there for the last twenty-six years.  
22. JIM: Well now, I sure like that.  
23. BESS: But you don't need to worry, Jerry. I won't tell Mary.  
24. I couldn't help hearing you, sitting out there in the  
25. living room. You said something about Ed Wilson being  
sick. Is he very bad off?



1. JERRY: No, just a cold, I guess, Mrs. Robbins.  
2. BESS: Ed's such a frail little man. It wouldn't take much  
3. to put him to bed for good.  
4. JERRY: It's okay if I walk out on you now and go on over and  
5. get this job done before it gets too dark, isn't it,  
6. Jim?  
7. JIM: Sure, Jerry. Go ahead. I can finish up checking  
8. these figures.....Say, you better take a couple of  
9. those pipe wrenches with you. You may need 'em.  
10. JERRY: Aw, I won't need any tools just to drain the pipes,  
11. Jim. That ought to be simple....just turning a few  
12. faucets.  
13. JIM: Well, if it was me I'd take some wrenches along and  
14. be prepared. But suit yourself. The best way to  
15. learn is by doing.  
16. JERRY: I don't figure on learning much this trip, but here I  
17. go. Anything you want from the store, Mrs. Robbins?  
18. BESS: No, Jerry. There's nothing I think of. But why  
19. don't you ask Mary over for supper and then we can all  
20. have a game of pinochle this evening?  
21. JERRY: Well, I'm still a little bit sore at her for jumping  
22. on me like she did, but I'll ask her...that is if you  
23. promise not to say anything..  
24. BESS: (LAUGHING) I promise, Jerry. But I think a little  
25. relaxation is just what Mary needs after teaching those  
kids all week.



1. JERRY: Okay ... I won't ask her ... I'll just bring her.  
2. You can set another plate and we'll be right back.  
3. SOUND OF DOOR OPENING.  
4. JIM: (CALLING) You better take those wrenches along.  
5. SOUND OF DOOR CLOSING.  
6. MUSIC UP AND OUT  
7. SOUND OF HAMMERING ON WATER PIPE.  
8. MARY: (FADING IN) Goodness, it's dirty down here in the  
9. furnace room. No wonder there's dust on the desks  
10. every morning.  
11. JERRY: I'm getting all the dust down my neck this time.  
12. MORE POUNDING.  
13. MARY: I just don't know what I'd do if I didn't have you and  
14. Mr. Robbins to call on when I'm in trouble, Jerry.  
15. And I know there's a lot of other people feel the same  
16. way.  
17. JERRY: Uh. Darn it anyhow.  
18. MORE POUNDING.  
19. MARY: What's the matter, Jerry? Is that faucet on the hot  
20. water tank stuck?  
21. JERRY: Naw. The faucet turns all right. But there's something  
22. in the pipe.....some rust or something. H-h-m. Let's  
23. see. If I just had a wrench....  
24. MARY: Well if ....  
25.



10 JERRY: Oh, it's nothing serious, Mary. I'll get it all right.  
11 I'm an old hand at this plumbing business. H-m-m.  
12 You don't know if there's any old wire around here do  
13 you?

14 MARY: No, I don't Jerry. I don't know much of anything  
15 about this part of the school house. Mr. Wilson  
16 tends to everything down here.

17 JERRY: U-m-m. What I need is something to poke up in that  
18 drain pipe to clean it out. It wouldn't have to be a  
19 very long piece of wire.

20 MARY: Would a piece of wood or stick do?

21 JERRY: No, it's got to be something I can bend. A piece of  
22 Number 9 wire would be just the thing. A piece of  
23 wire or a wrench.

24 MARY: Maybe I could run over and get a wrench and a piece of  
25 wire from Mr. Robbins while you're opening some of the  
26 other faucets, Jerry.

27 JERRY: (QUICKLY) Naw. No. I don't want to bother Jim.  
28 I'll figure it out somehow.

29 MORE POUNDING.

30 JERRY: You'd think I could jar the thing loose with this  
31 poker. H-m-m. Let's see. If it wasn't for this  
32 board in the way I could get my arm down there and  
33 stick my finger up in the pipe.

34 MARY: Maybe I could do it. My hand is smaller than yours.





1. JERRY: Aw, no. There's no use for you to get all over dirt,  
 2. Mary. You haven't got enough strength in your fingers  
 3. to do any good anyway.  
 4. MARY: Can't you move the board? It doesn't look like it's  
 5. doing any good there anyway.  
 6. JERRY: It isn't doing much good but it'd be pretty hard to  
 7. get loose. Wait a minute. If I get down on my  
 8. knees I think I can bend my arm so I can get a finger  
 9. up there all right.  
 10. MARY: BE careful, Jerry. Don't hurt yourself.  
 11. JERRY: I won't.....Uh.....U-m-m-m ....  
 12. MARY: Oh you're getting all over coal dust, Jerry.  
 13. Why don't you let me go and get a wrench?  
 14. JERRY: (GRUNTS) There. I got my finger up in there all right  
 15. and I can feel the rust that's clogging it up.  
 16. MARY: (LAUGHS) I can't help laughing, Jerry. You look so  
 17. funny in that position.  
 18. JERRY: Huh! I don't see anything funny. It's darned  
 19. uncomfortable....M-m-m-m. Ouch!  
 20. MARY: What's the trouble? Can't you poke the rust out?  
 21. JERRY: Yeah! I got the rust out. But now I got my finger  
 22. caught up there. Uh! Gosh! That's a heck of a  
 23. situation.  
 24. MARY: You mean you ... you're stuck there? And can't get  
 25. loose?



1. JERRY: (LAUGHS HALF HEARTEDLY) That seems to be the size  
2. of it. I can't seem to move my finger at all and  
3. with this board in the way and my arm bent under it...  
4. MARY: What're you going to do? What can I do? Can I help  
5. you pull?  
6. JERRY: Aw, shucks. Jim told me I should have brought a  
7. wrench. Maybe someday I'll learn to listen to him.  
8. MARY: Pull hard Jerry. Give your finger a yank. Here, I'll  
9. help.  
10. JERRY: (YELPS) Ouch. O-o-o. Don't do that, Mary.  
11. My finger's almost yanked off now.  
12. MARY: Oh, I'm sorry, Jerry .....  
13. SOUND OF SIREN OFF MIKE IN DISTANCE  
14. JERRY: (SUDDENLY) Listen. What's that?  
15. MARY: It....it sounds like the fire siren.  
16. JERRY: That's what it is. Somebody's house must be on fire.  
17. (FRANTIC) What'll I do? I'm supposed to be the  
18. leader for the volunteer department, and here I am  
19. with my finger caught in a pipe. (SOUND OF POUNDING  
20. ON BOARD WITH FIST) Dawgone this board here anyway.  
21. (REPEAT SOUND OF FIRE SIREN)  
22. MARY: Oh, Jerry ... !  
23. JERRY: What?  
24. MARY: Jerry! Do you s'pose it could be the school house  
25. here on fire?



1. JERRY: Good gosh, Mary. And me stuck here like this!

2. MUSIC: UP AND OUT

3. ANNOUNCER: Well, it seems as though Jerry's got himself in a tight

4. spot this time for sure. Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers

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6. Broadcasting Company, with the cooperation of the

7. Forest Service, United States Department of

8. Agriculture.

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